

REMARKS

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to replace “rounding” with “roundings.” Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support can be found, for example, in claims as originally filed and one pages 4 and 5 of the specification as originally filed. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 7 have been amended to conform to U.S. practice and address informalities. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Restriction Requirements

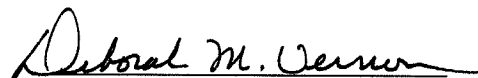
The Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the two inventions or groups of inventions: Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a process and Group II, claim 8, drawn to a crankshaft. Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-7), thereby withdrawing claim 8 from consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-7 as amended now proceed promptly to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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